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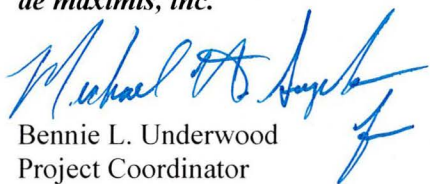
**Reference: Gary Development Landfill Superfund Site, Gary, Indiana
Administrative Settlement Agreement and Order on Consent for the Remedial
Investigation/Feasibility Study,
CERCLA Docket No. V-W-14-C-004
December 2018 Monthly Progress Report #056**

Dear Ms. Mason-Smith:

In fulfillment of the requirements of Section IX, Paragraph 32, of the Administrative Settlement Agreement and Order on Consent for the Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study, CERCLA Docket No. V-W-14-C-004, the Respondents are submitting the December 2018 monthly progress report.

Should you have any questions or comments, please contact Mr. Mike Samples, or me, at (865) 691-5052.

Sincerely,
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MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT - #056

PROJECT NAME: Gary Development Landfill Superfund Site

PERIOD COVERED: December 2018

A. ACTIONS TAKEN TOWARD COMPLIANCE WITH THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

- On December 19, 2018, legal and technical representatives for the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Gary Development Landfill Site PRP Group (Respondents) participated in a conference call to discuss the Revised Final Remedial Investigation (RI) Report, dated November 12, 2018. Subsequently to the call, EPA provided the Respondents with a redline markup of the RI Report text on December 21, 2018.

B. SAMPLING AND TESTING ACTIONS AND RESULTS

- None.

C/D. WORK PLANNED FOR NEXT TWO MONTHS AND SCHEDULE OF SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITIES / DELIVERABLES

- Review EPA's proposed revised RI Report text (see above) and incorporate into a final submittal of the document for approval by EPA.
- Receive EPA approval of the revised RI Report, and upon approval of the RI Report, initiate work on the feasibility study (FS). The first step in the FS process will be developing updated preliminary remedial action objectives.
- Contingent upon Site access being reestablished by EPA, schedule and perform the Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) sampling field event.

E. CHANGES IN RI/FS WORK PLANS OR ACTIVITIES

- Pursuant to EPA's request, the Respondents have agreed to sample groundwater for PFAS compounds. This activity will be scheduled once Site access is reestablished.

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F. ENCOUNTERED / ANTICIPATED DELAYS

- The Administrative Warrant providing for Site access expired in 2018; therefore, pursuant to EPA direction all personnel are to refrain from being on-site until an extension of the warrant is secured by EPA.

G. COMMUNITY RELATIONS ACTIVITIES

- None requested.